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# BULB AND SEED NEWS —AND CROP REPORTS—

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## DAFFODILS

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUITABLE FOR FORCING AS WELL AS FOR OUTDOOR PLANTING. DELIVERY IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. PRICES ARE PER 100 BULBS.

GOLDEN SPUR. Yellow,	
very early -----	\$6.00
SIR WATKINS. Yellow cup,	
primrose perianth -----	5.50
EMPRESS. White perianth,	
yellow trumpet -----	6.00
EMPEROR. Petals primrose,	
trumpet yellow -----	6.00
POETAZ ELVIRA. Pure	
white, cup yellow -----	6.00
SPRING GLORY. Pure	
white, trumpet golden yellow, very early -----	9.00
GLORY OF LEIDEN. Deep	
yellow, large -----	6.00
MAXIMUS. Deepest golden	
yellow -----	5.00
MRS. W. T. WARE. Bi-	
color yellow -----	6.00
BARRII CONSPICUUS.	
Yellow petals, scarlet cup -----	5.00
POETICUS ORNATUS.	
White, yellow cup margined scarlet -----	4.50

POETAZ IDEAL. White,	
dark orange cup -----	\$6.00
PAPER WHITE	
GRANDIFLORA -----	5.00
GRAND SOLI d'OR. Yellow	6.00
CHINESE LILLIES. White	
and yellow -----	6.00
WHITE LADY -----	6.00
LUCIFER. White, cup orange red -----	6.00
POETAZ ASPASIA. White	
yellow cup -----	6.00
POETAZ LAURENS KOSTER. White deep yellow cup -----	6.00
DAFFODILS. Above sorts mixed -----	4.00
PRICE OF 2ND SIZE—Many will bloom first year—2-3 OF ABOVE.	
PRICE OF PLANTING STOCK—some will bloom first year—1/2 OF ABOVE.	



## Brown's Bulb and Seed News

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### ISSUED BI-MONTHLY

**CAPITOLA** is situated on Monterey Bay, 80 miles south of San Francisco and 400 miles north of Los Angeles on the Southern Pacific (Coast Lines) Railroad. Three miles east of Santa Cruz.

With deepest sorrow we announce the death of

## MR. ALONZO J. BROWN

our Secretary and Treasurer

at 4:30 p. m., May 21, 1926. His passing was caused by a sudden and unexpected attack of Angina Pectoris, while listening in on his radio.

Mr. Brown was the father of our Mr. James A. Brown and had been identified with the Brown Bulb Ranch for more than six years. Prior to coming to California to join his son in the bulb business he lived at Noblesville, Indiana, where he founded the Wainwright Trust Company and served as its President for over twenty years.

Mr. Brown was sixty-eight years old and is survived by his father, Mercer Brown of Spiceland, Ind., who is over ninety years old, his wife, and sons, James A. Brown of Capitola, and Dr. H. S. Brown of Arroyo Grande, Calif. He was a Quaker by birth.

## WINTER FLOWERING SWEET PEA SEED

Any of the following proven sorts post paid, delivery at once, for 60 cents per ounce;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound for \$2.00, delivered free.

Improved Snowstorm, white. Daintiness, white edged rose. Heather Bell, mauve, lavender. Mrs. C. A. Zvolanek, clear lavender. Columbia, pink and white. Belgian Hero, orange, rose pink edge. Gypsy Maid, bright rose and salmon. Glitters, bright fiery orange. Canary Bird, primrose yellow. Zvolanek's Red. Cherry Ripe, cerise, salmon. President Wilson, magenta red. Zvolanek's Blue. Early Wedgewood Blue. Blue Jacket. Rose Queen, best pink. Hine Lewis, orange salmon. Zvolanek's Rose, pink. Melody, deep rose pink. Enchantress, bright rose pink. Twenty best sorts mixed, \$1.75 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., delivered free.

## Regale

### Lilium Regale Bulbs (Myriophyllum)

Strong young bulbs. All will flower first season.

PRICE 3 to 4 inch circumference, per 100, \$18.00.

PRICE 4 to 5 inch circumference, per dozen \$3.00, per 100 \$22.00.

PRICE, 5 to 7 inch circumference, per dozen \$4.00, per 100, \$30.00.



## TRITELEIA

A very nice pot plant that will bloom for a long time, is possible when three to five of these bulbs are placed in a four or five inch pot. Come in nice for Easter, etc.



**TRITELEIA VIOLACEA** is one of the Quarantined bulbs. We now have a fair stock of these and will be able to deliver them this next Fall. Each bulb produces a number of blooming plants and they are hardy in the East. Fine for borders. The bulbs are about  $\frac{5}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  size and resemble a Freesia bulb. The foliage is thick and of a nice green shade. Flowers are violet blue color and star shape. They bloom for several weeks during the Early Spring. Flowers are often used for funeral work but principal use is for bedding or for borders. You will find them profitable if forced also as they will bloom about Christmas. Cool temperature is best when forced, about same as freesias.

Price per 100, \$2.00; per 1000 bulbs, \$16.00.



# BEGONIA BULBS

**\$8.00 per 100 up.**

If you buy of us you are assured you will receive bulbs that will grow the best types of flowers and finest shades of colors to be found in the world today.

**Delivery after October First**

## ***Tuberous Rooted Begonia Bulbs***

No flower will do as well as Begonias when planted in shady places. As house pot plants or in porch and window boxes, nothing equals them.

### **COLORS**

Pink, Red, Rose, Crimson, Dark Red, Yellow, White, Apricot, Copper, Scarlet, Orange, or Mixed.

### **GIANT SINGLES**

**COLORS AS ABOVE**

**GIANT SINGLE**—Flowers are of mammoth size, often six inches across.

$\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch diameter. A good size for bedding or for florists' potted plants. Use 5 or 6 inch pots. Per dozen, \$1.50. Per 100, \$8.00.

1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter. Per dozen, \$2.00; per 100, \$10.00.

$1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inch, per 100-----\$15.00

2 inch up, per 100-----\$20.00

### **GIANT DOUBLES**

**COLORS AS ABOVE**

**GIANT DOUBLE BEGONIAS**—Blooms are so double they often have the appearance of solid round balls of velvet-like petals.

$\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch diameter, per dozen, \$1.75; per 100, \$10.00.

1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter, per dozen, \$2.25; per 100, \$13.00.

$1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inch, per 100-----\$18.00

2 inch up, per 100-----\$23.00

### **GIANT CRISTATA**

**GIANT CRISTATA BEGONIA**—The most beautiful of all the sorts offered. Large, ruffled-edge blooms with a solid crested center. Called the ruffled double Begonia.

$\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch diameter, a most satisfactory size for florists' use. Per dozen, \$1.75; per 100, \$10.00.

1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter, per dozen, \$2.25; per 100, \$13.00.

$1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inch, per 100-----\$18.00

2 inch up, per 100-----\$23.00

## **CRISPA BEGONIAS**

**COLORS SAME AS SINGLES**

**GIANT CRISPA BEGONIAS**—This is an extra fine strain of Single Begonias with fluted and ruffled edges. Many consider this the finest of Begonia types.

$\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch diameter. All will make large blooming plants. Per dozen, \$1.75; per 100, \$9.00.

1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter, per dozen, \$2.00; per 100, \$12.00.

$1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inch, per 100-----\$17.00



A Giant Crispa Begonia plant grown from a  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch bulb. Note the ruffled edges. Beautiful leaves. Mixed or straight colors, only \$9.00 per 100.

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## **LAPAROSIA BULBS**

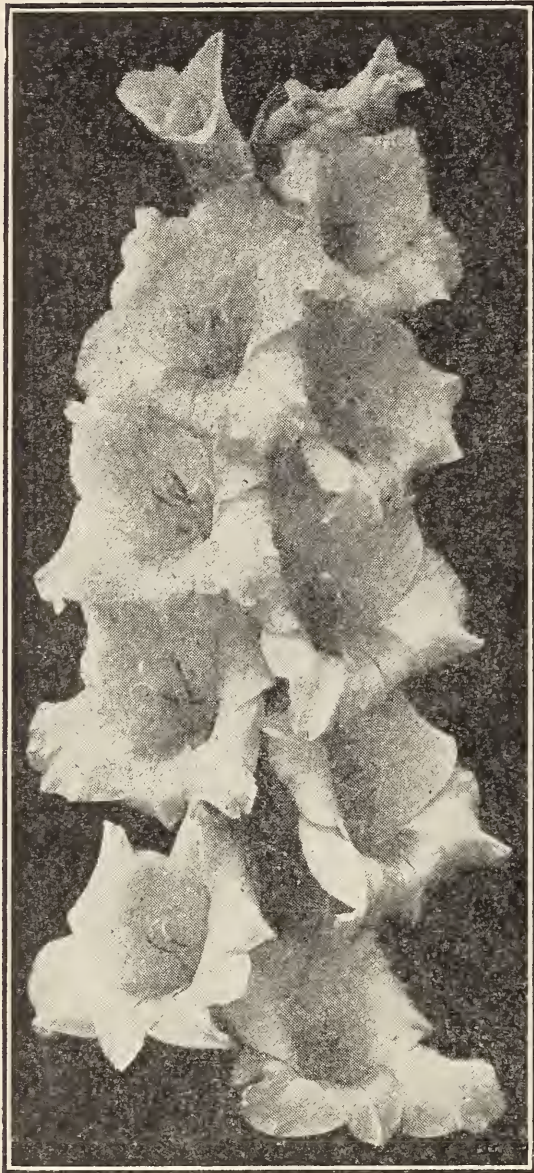
Sometimes called a Freesia. Very similar to Freesias. Has broader leaves and larger flowers. Bulbs resemble a Baby Gladiolus bulb. Color Scarlet, Salmon and light Salmon Pink. Delivery in August, September, October per 500, \$12.50; per 1000, \$23.00.



# SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR FORCING AND FOR EXTRA EARLY FLOWERS WHEN PLANTED OUTSIDE.

Our Gladioli bulbs are better than Holland or Eastern bulbs, because they have nine months growing season, which gives more time for the full development of the flowering qualities, and still leaves two months for natural curing in the ground before lifting.

DON'T FORGET OUR BULBS ARE HARVESTED DORMANT AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS AHEAD OF EASTERN BULBS AND CAN BE PLANTED NOW INSIDE WHILE EASTERN BULBS SHOULD BE PLANTED AFTER JANUARY 1ST.



PER 100 BULBS	1-1¼	1¼-1½	1½-2½
AMERICA—Soft flesh pink of great value and very popular -----	\$1.25	1.50	2.00
AUTUMN QUEEN—Cream yellow suffused with pink with carmine stripe -----	2.50	3.00	4.00
BRENCHLEYENSIS—Vermillion scarlet, fine old variety, many flowers open at once -----	1.25	1.50	1.80
BYRON J. HULOT—Blue -----	3.00	3.50	4.00
CHICAGO WHITE — Early forcing white ----	2.00	2.25	2.50
CRACKER JACK — Dark red, deep yellow and maroon blotch in throat --	1.90	2.30	2.50

EMPRESS OF INDIA— Deep purplish red, almost black, a rare color-----	3.00	3.50	4.00
GLORY OF HOLLAND— White with slight tinting of pale pink -----	2.00	2.50	3.00
GRETCHEN ZANG—Very large rose pink -----	3.50	4.00	5.00
HALLEY—Very early. Salmon pink -----	1.50	1.90	2.30
HERADA — Immense size, pure mauve, deeper markings in throat -----	2.50	3.00	3.50
HESPERIA — Another fine early Primulinus. Orange Apricot shade -----	4.00	5.00	6.00
IDA VAN—A fine orange scarlet -----	2.50	3.00	3.50
LILY WHITE — Snow white, shaded cream ----	2.00	2.50	3.00
L'IMMACULEE — Beautiful pure white extra long spike, many flowers open at once -----	3.50	4.50	5.00
MARECHAL LE FOCH— Beautiful rose, extra long stem, many flowers open at once -----	2.00	2.50	3.00
MRS. FRANCIS KING — Flaming pink blazed with vermillion red -----	1.25	1.50	2.00
MRS. FRANK PENDLETON—Salmon pink, rich deep maroon blotch on lower petals -----	2.00	2.50	3.00
MRS. WATT — Brilliant wine color of American Beauty Rose -----	2.50	3.00	\$3.50
MYRTLE — Exquisite soft pink, white throat with yellow markings, strong growth -----	4.50	5.50	6.50
NIAGARA—Soft primrose, faint lines of lilac in throat -----	1.50	2.00	2.50
PANAMA — Similar to America but deeper shade of pure rose pink -----	2.25	2.75	3.25
PEACE — General effect white, pale lilac feathering on interior petals-----	2.50	3.00	3.50
PRINCEPINE — Fine carmine red with white center -----	1.70	2.00	2.50
PRINCE OF WALES — Lovely salmon pink or coral, large and early----	2.50	3.00	3.50



# GALDIOLI—Continued.

PRIMULINUS in Apricots, etc.—Finest shades -----	1.50	1.80	2.00
ROEM VAN KENNEM- ERLAND — Fine rose, very large flower with white throat -----	3.00	3.50	4.00
ROUGE TORCH — Clear white with bright carmine torch in throat -----	2.50	3.00	3.50
SCARLETTA—Early scar- let Primulinus -----	4.00	5.00	6.00
SCHWABEN — Sofe pure yellow, little red stripe on lower petals -----	2.00	2.50	3.00
SOUVENIR — Deepest, purest yellow yet obtained. An early Primulinus of special value. Extra large forcing bulbs this year--	4.00	5.00	6.00
WAR — Deep blood red large flowers, very popu- lar -----	3.00	3.50	4.00
WHITE AMERICA—Just what is says -----	3.00	3.50	4.00
WHITE GIANT — Very large pure white, Iris blue throat, splendidly ruffled--	4.00	5.00	6.00
WILBRINK — Soft flesh pink. Sport of Halley with its good qualities -----	3.00	4.00	5.00
WILLY WIGMAN — Soft pink with blood red blotch	2.00	2.25	2.75
YELLOW HAMMER — Pure yellow with little red mark in throat -----	3.00	4.00	5.00
MIXED—All sorts shown on this list -----	1.25	1.45	1.70
MIXED—Extra fine, florist high grade light colors --	1.25	1.45	1.70

## PAPER WHITES



# GLOXINIAS

## COLORS

WHITE, RED, VIOLET, LAV-  
ENDER, SCARLET, BLUE, VI-  
OLET, with white edge; RED  
with white edge; RED, with frill-  
ed edge;; SPOTTED and STAIN-  
ED; YELLOW, with red edge;  
WHITE, pink edge.

MIXED, this is an assortment of  
a large number of named sorts;

### ERECTA TYPE

We grow our bulbs from the most expen-  
sive strong, upright, imported strains of Glox-  
inias. Cheaper bulbs are often grown from  
the older type plants that drop over.

## PRICES

\$10.00 per 100

5⁄8 to 3⁄4 inch diameter. All will make good  
pot plants the first year. These smaller  
bulbs will produce blooms two to three  
inches across. A very profitable size for  
greenhouse men to grow. Per dozen, \$1.50;  
per 100, \$10.00.

\$13.00 per 100

3⁄4 to 1 inch diameter, used more than any  
other size. Per dozen, \$2.25; per 100, \$13.00.

\$17.00 per 100

1 to 1½ inch diameter, per dozen, \$3.00; per  
100, \$17.00.

1½ to 2-inch diameter, per dozen \$3.75;  
per 100, \$22.00.

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## LIVE GLOXINIA PLANTS

\$14.00 per 100

We ship these plants by express, to any  
point at any time of the year. Per dozen,  
\$2.50; per 50, \$7.50; per 100, \$14.00.

This is the genuine Paper White  
Grandiflora, grown from Imported  
French Stock. Round and double  
nose bulbs. No charge for cases.  
No charge for packing. No duty  
to pay. No consular fees to pay.  
No ocean insurance to pay.  
PRICE PER 100 BULBS \$5.00.  
PRICE PER 1000 BULBS \$45.00.  
DELIVERED AT ONCE.



# SPANISH IRIS

Were imported by us in quantities many years ago. We are now prepared to deliver planting stock. If you import these bulbs now from Europe you have to get a special permit, then you pay Consular fees, transportation to the steamer from the European grower's place, then you must pay Ocean insurance, Ocean freight, 30% duty to U. S. customs, brokers' fees in New York, express to Washington, D. C., so the Horticultural Board may inspect them, then express to your town. Also some other costs usually develop before you get your bulbs. All of this takes much time and often there is a heavy loss sustained.

## VARIETIES AND PRICES OF SPANISH IRIS BULBS.

Grow some of the smaller sizes outside next winter. Frost and freezing does not hurt them. Cut some flowers the first year and force the bulbs the next winter. They can not now be imported except under great expense, risk and trouble. Our prices are right. Delivery at once.

Prices per 1000 bulbs.

Up to 1/2 inch diameter	\$ 8.00
1/2 to 5/8 inch diameter	15.00
5/8 to 3/4 inch diameter	23.00

**BAZAINE**, a beautiful bronze.  
**Belle Chinoise**, yellow.  
**British Queen**, large white.  
**Cajanus**, yellow.  
**Captain of the Blues**, dark blue.  
**Flora**, white and light lilac.  
**Heavenly Blue**, deep sky blue.  
**Royal Blue**, real Marine blue.  
**King of the Blues**, deep dark blue.  
**King of the Whites**, large pure white.  
**Louise**, a good blue.

## EXTRA EARLY SPANISH OR *Dutch Iris*

The bulbs and flowers are larger than the regular Spanish Iris family. Also come into bloom two to three weeks earlier. Very valuable and very costly in Holland. Usually have two blooms to each spike.

The smallest size bulbs will give many blooms the first year and at the same time you will be growing on some fine large size bulbs for forcing inside the next season.

**ALL IRIS BULBS CAN BE  
DELIVERED AT ONCE.**

## DUTCH IRIS BULBS

Price per 1000 bulbs

Up to 1/2 inch	\$12.00
1/2 to 5/8 inch	22.00
5/8 to 3/4 inch	30.00
3/4 to 1 inch	40.00

**Hartz**, lips gray lilac, flaked yellow. Standards purple-blue.

**Van Der Venne**, lilac and cream white.

**Roland Holst**, lilac with yellow lips.

**Brijet**, porcelain blue with gray lilac.

**Der Kinderen**, dark porcelain-blue, yellow lips.

**Anton Mauve**, soft blue.

**Hobbema**, white with yellow falls.

**David Teniers**, lemon yellow, lavender blue falls.

**C. Van De Windt**, white, with clear yellow blotch in falls.

**Fans Hals**, lemon yellow lips, soft lilac blue standards.

**Berkemeyer**, blue standards, grey-blue falls.

**Filifolia**, deep blue.

**Hart Nibbrig**, largest clear blue.

## MIXED IRIS

Price of all sorts of Iris bulbs on this page in mixture is same as for Spanish: \$8.00; \$15.00 and \$23.00 per 1000.





BROWN  
RANCH  
CAPITOLA  
CALIF.

WHEN PLANTING OUTSIDE, MANY FLORISTS ARE FINDING MONTBRETIAS PROFITABLE AS CUT FLOWERS. THEIR NUMEROUS LONG GRACEFUL SPIKES FIND MANY USES.

## *Iris Tingitana*

Earliest and largest of all Irises. French stock. Very fine blue. These flowers start on the wholesale market in all cities at \$9.00 per dozen blooms.

PRICE per 1000 bulbs:

$\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ in. diam.	\$12.00
$\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diam.	15.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$ in. diam.	22.00
$\frac{7}{8}$ to 1 in. diam.	30.00
1 to $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. diam.	50.00
$1\frac{1}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. diam.	70.00



## WATSONIA

Similar to Gladiolus but spikes longer and have several spikes to each bulb. Fine for forcing; will make more money for you than gladioli. Large pure white. Price per 500, \$16.00; per 1000, \$30.00.

## MONTBRETIA BULBS

Very successful for forcing. Plant during December, January, February and March. Grow as you would Gladioli. Each bulb will give you several fine spikes of flowers. Many flowers to each spike. Usual height is 20 to 36 inches. The long, slender green foliage much like the Freesias, works in well with many kinds of flowers.

### DELIVERY AT ONCE

KING EDMUND, a good yellow	-----	\$50.00
LORD NELSON, orange yellow	-----	\$50.00
GOLDEN WEST, golden yellow	-----	\$40.00
CALIFORNIA, medium size, clear yellow, very free flowering	-----	\$35.00
FIRE KING, scarlet red, 1000	-----	\$35.00
GEORGE DAVIDSON, a very fine yellow, 1000	-----	\$35.00
IMPROVED AURANTICA, a large new, orange yellow, extra tall grower, large flower one of best, 1000	-----	\$35.00
MESSIDOR, cream white, 1000	-----	\$80.00
TALISMAN, Beautiful dark scarlet	---	\$45.00
ROSEA, rose pink	-----	\$40.00
GERMANIA, red and yellow	-----	\$35.00
WESTWICK, orange red with yellow eye	-----	\$50.00
RAYON d' OR, rich golden	-----	\$40.00
MIXED, all the above sorts with five additional kinds, 1000	-----	\$30.00

## AMARYLLIS VITTATA HYBRIDS

### Giant Forcing Size Bulbs

These bulbs are from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 inches in diameter. Our strain includes some of the finest solid Blood Reds, Salmons, Cerise, Pinks, etc. Some of the original bulbs in this collection cost us \$10.00 each. Fine for pot plants. Each bulb usually has two spikes each Fall and Spring. Each spike will have from two to six giant flowers. Often a single flower will measure 8 inches across.

Price per six bulbs,	\$4.00.
Price per dozen bulbs,	\$6.50.
Price per 50 bulbs,	\$22.00.
Price per 100 bulbs,	\$42.00.

AS A WINDOW ATTRACTION—NOTHING EQUALS A FEW POTS OF THESE FLOWERS IN BLOOM.





## AETHIOPICA CALLA

The Old White Calla

Calla Lillies pay florists good returns. The bulbs are good for several years and are easy to grow.

3 in. cir., per 100	-----	\$ 4.00
3 to 4 in. cir., per 100	-----	5.50
4 to 5 in. cir., per 100	-----	8.00
5 to 6 in. cir., per 100	-----	12.00
6 to 8 in. cir., per 100	-----	15.00



## GODFREY CALLA

Smaller bulb than the common white calla, but produces whiter blooms and is a free bloomer.

Size is by circumference. All blooming sizes the first year.

2 in. cir., per 100	-----	\$ 5.00
2 to 2½ in. cir., per 100	-----	7.00
2½ to 3 in. cir., per 100	-----	9.00
3 to 4 in. cir., per 100	-----	11.00
3½ to 6 in. cir., per 100	-----	15.00



## OUR INVITATION.

If you visit California during August, September or October, be sure you see our Begonias and Gloxinias, as they are at their best then. We have over five acres of them, nearly all under glass and lath.

## ELLIOTTIANA CALLA

The True Golden Yellow Calla, not the old Lemon Yellow. Fine for cut flowers or for pot plants for sale in winter and spring. Will do well outside if planted after danger of frost is over. Delivery after October 1st.

	100	dozen
1 to 1½ in. diam. -----	\$ 8.00	\$1.45
1½ to 1¾ in. diam. -----	12.00	1.90
1¾ to 2 in. diam. -----	14.00	2.25
2 to 2¼ in. diam. -----	16.00	2.50
2¼ to 2½ in. diam. -----	18.00	2.75
2½ to 2¾ in. diam. -----	20.00	3.00
2¾ to 3 in. diam. -----	24.00	3.50
3 to 3½ in. diam. -----	26.00	4.00
3½ to 5 in. diam. -----	30.00	4.50

Our yellow callas are not closely trimmed for purpose of getting a large number of planting eyes for next year. Close cutting by the grower before shipping the bulbs to you causes rot. Pot some Yellow Calla bulbs for Easter and Mother's Day sales.



## FREESIA PURITY BULBS

The quarantine recently placed against Daffodils and Paper Whites has greatly increased the demand for Purity Freesia bulbs. Regardless of this extra demand and a short crop with the growers, our prices are about the same as they were the past few seasons.

## DELIVERY AT ONCE

per 1000 bulbs

3/8 to 1/2 inch -----	\$ 5.00
1/2 inch -----	8.00
1/2 to 5/8 inch -----	10.00
5/8 inch -----	13.50

## COLORED FREESIAS

### GIANT LAVENDER PINK (Splendens.)

One of the few "proven to be good" colored freesias. Per 1000 forcing size bulbs \$25.00.



### GRAPE HYACINTHS (Muscari)

One of the popular bulbs that cannot now be imported.

Heavenly Blue—Sky blue color, per 500, \$13.50; per 1000, \$25.00.

# BROWN BULB RANCH

Capitola, California